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President's Message

Can you believe it's been 50 years since the release of the movie Jaws! For some folks, and especially for me, the movie has had such a dramatic impact on life. I grew up in Pittsburgh, PA. The first time I visited the beach was in the summer of 1975 when we took a family vacation to visit relatives in Florida. I was 10 years old. And, of course, we saw the movie while there. As a young boy, the movie terrified me. To this day, I can't go in the ocean without hearing Jaws music ... daa dum, daa dum... Thank you Stephen Spielberg and John Williams (who composed the film's score).

Well, what does this have to do with occupational health and safety? The answer is Risk. I realize that the likelihood of getting bitten by a shark is extremely low; with odds estimated at 1 in 11.5 million. I get that, but I'm still not getting in the water. It's a risk that I'm not willing to accept. What about the employees that we strive to protect from workplace hazards? What risks are they willing to take to get the job done? What is their perception of risk? What risks do they accept, tolerate, ignore, or avoid? The truth is that we all carry our own perceptions of what is acceptable or unacceptable. So, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Jaws, I encourage you to discuss risk with your employees. Recognize how external factors (time, budget, personnel resources, and sharks) affect our perception of risk. Determine what is acceptable; make sure it aligns with management; and seek to modify employee behavior. Peter Benchley, the author of the novel 'Jaws' published in 1974 said it perfectly, "Intellectually, they knew a great deal. Practically, they chose to know almost nothing."

Enjoy what's left of summer. And please know that the Board has been working very hard to secure speakers for the Fall Conference. We look forward to seeing you at Myrtle Beach, with the sharks!

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AIHA Agenda September 24-26, 2025 - Myrtle Beach, SC

Wednesday, September 24th

12 Noon - PDC Registration Opens

Professional Development Course

1:00-5:00 pm

Infection Control Risk Assessments

JJ Jenkins

Construction Infection Control Training Institute

Thursday, September 25th (cont.)

4:45-5:15 pm

AIHA Update

Amy Snow, AIHA Board of Directors

SafeBridge Regulatory & Life Sciences Group

5:30-7:00 pm

Presidential Reception

Thursday, September 25th

7:30-8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Professional Development Course

8:00 am-12:00 pm

Welding Fume Exposure Factors

Jerome Spear, CIH, CSP, FAIHA

Spear + Lancaster Consulting and Forensic Experts

10:00 AM - Conference Registration Opens

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch Buffet

Conference Opening Session

1:00-1:05 pm

President Welcome

Rich Cravener, MS, CIH, CSP

President - AIHA Carolinas

1:05-2:00 pm

Ethics

Kevin Frye, NCDOL Retaliatory Employment Discrimination Bureau

2:00-2:30 pm

Vendor Introductions/Break

2:30-3:30 pm

AI in EHS

Dan Grinnell, AI 4 EHS

3:30-4:00 pm

Vendor Break

4:00-4:45 pm

NFPA 660 Update

Chris Giusto, Hallam ICS

Friday, September 26th

7:30-8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:20 am

Board Discussion with Vendor (Vendors only)

8:30-9:30 am

PCBs in Buildings

Chris Murray and Alicia Coley, Terracon Consultants

9:30-10:00 am

Break/Vendor Interaction

10:00-10:45 am

South Carolina OSHA Compliance & Consultative Update

Charles Price and Ken Edwards, SC OSHA

10:45-11:45 am

Fall Protection in General Industry

Ted R. Hendrix, CSP, CHMM, CHST

District Supervisor of Safety and Health

Compliance, NC DOL, OSH Division

11:45 am

Future Meetings Discussion

Ushang Desai, NCDOL

12:00 pm

Closing Comments, Adjournment


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PDC Spotlight



JJ Jenkins
CEO at CICTI
The Construction Infection Control
Training Institute

Infection Control Risk Assessments in Hospitals

Are you ready to elevate your expertise in infection control?

We're proud to announce that JJ Jenkins, CIH and infection control expert, will lead a 4-hour Professional Development Course on *Infection Control Risk Assessments in Hospitals* at our upcoming Fall Conference.

We're excited to learn from JJ's expertise and insight during this valuable session.



Jerome E. Spear, CSP, CIH, FAIHA
Industrial Hygiene & Safety Expert
President and Founding Partner of
Spear & Lancaster, LLC,

Welding Fume Exposure Factors

Delve into Welding Safety with Jerome Spear, CIH, CSP, FAIHA. Join Jerome Spear for a 4-hour Professional Development Course (PDC) on Welding Fume Exposure Factors, where he'll explore how welding fumes—composed of submicron, non-homogeneous particles—result in variable exposures depending on several key factors. Through data-driven insights, case studies, and video demonstrations, attendees will gain practical tools to assess and control welding fume hazards effectively.

With over 30 years of industrial hygiene experience, Jerome holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering (System Safety Engineering) from Texas A&M University and an MBA from Sam Houston State. His career includes leadership roles at Chicago Bridge & Iron and XL Specialty Risk Consulting. He currently serves as President of J.E. Spear Consulting (Magnolia, TX) and is recognized as a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA).

We look forward to Jerome's presentation!



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Spring 2026

March 11-13, 2026
Hilton Raleigh North Hills

Fall 2026

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Carolinan Section - AIHA
Fall PDC and Conference September 24-26, 2025
Embassy Suites @Kingston Resorts, Myrtle Beach, SC
Registration Form
Conference Registration
Circle one

Member (Advanced) \$250
 Nonmember (Advanced) \$270
 Member (After Sept 10) \$300
 Nonmember (After Sept 10) \$320

PDC-Registration
Circle One

Member (Advanced) \$250
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Welcome to the 2025 eLearning Subscription! Your group's access has been established for the 2025 eLearning Subscription program in the online classroom and you can begin viewing content now. Please note that this program runs from January 2025 through December 2025.

Here are the action items to take this month to maximize your participation in the program:

1. Login to the [online classroom](#) and verify that you see a tab to access your group's content. If you do not see this tab, please get in contact with us so we can research the issue. If you don't know your login credentials, please use the forgot password link on the login page to have them sent to you.
2. Review the information posted on the [2025 eLearning Subscribers page](#). Here you will find information about upcoming live webinars, OnDemand content already added to your classroom, accessing your AIHA transcript and FAQs about using the system. Bookmark this page in case you need to review it later.



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The Pat Curran Memorial Scholarship

Pat began his career in North Carolina State Government in 1972 and worked in the Division of Public Health in various capacities until his retirement in 2004. Pat continued to consult with industry and teach during his retirement. Through his working and retirement years, Pat served on many boards and committees and his greatest pleasures were helping people with their occupational and environmental health concerns and mentoring the next generation of safety and health professionals. He served as an Adjunct Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill: Environmental Sciences and Engineering-Gillings School of Global Public Health. Pat also taught at ECU in the Master of Science in Occupational Safety Program-College of Engineering and Technology.

Pat's outstanding work and contributions did not go unnoticed and upon his retirement from the State of North Carolina, he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor in recognition of his extraordinary service to the state. In 2010, Pat received the Warren Cook Award from the Carolinas Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association for outstanding contributions to the profession of industrial hygiene.

Most recently, Pat received the Robert T. Hughes Memorial Award from the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists which recognizes outstanding individuals in the field of industrial ventilation.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

In awarding the Pat Curran Memorial Scholarship, the recipient should be:

- Enrolled at the graduate or undergraduate level at a university in Carolina's Local Section geographic area in an ABET-accredited program with an emphasis in occupational health.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 scale, or a B average.

For more information, to donate, or to apply for the scholarship, please visit the [The Pat Curran Memorial Scholarship | AIHA](#) found on the AIHA website.



John "Pat" Curran